

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

Additionally I am concerned about the networks of Rupert Murdoch such as FOX and the disrespectful behaviors promoted by many of their programs. They are promoting an ultra conservative agenda which tries to brainwash the public into their way of thinking. In the Columbus Ohio area, FOX 28 and WSYX-TV share the same news anchors and programming and promote the same news and commentary by the same news anchors and Mark Hymann for the Commentary. Since this is Sinclair for both of these stations in the Columbus area and both have identical news, their unbalanced reporting infuriates me because it seeks to dominate the slant on the news and passes anything politically oriented from their perspective. I am insulted every day by this unbalanced and their obvious hidden agendas. I would ask the FCC to take some aggressive action to break up these monopolies because they offer a very unhealthy slant on news and reporting that I feel violates our rights as citizens of the USA.